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Excise Officers Arrest 34 in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Sept. 27) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 34 people on 48 charges in Bloomington this weekend.

Thirty-four minors were arrested for illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Excise officers also issued 14 tickets for False ID-related charges, including possession of false ID and making a false statement of age to an employee at a licensed establishment.

Twenty-two of those charged with illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages were caught in the tailgating areas before and during today's Indiana University football game against the University of Maryland.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.